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National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Refuge Naturalists to Staff Brownsville and Shady Maple Overlooks During Tundra Swan Migration

On weekends this fall, Refuge staff and volunteers will be available at the Brownsville and Shady Maple Overlooks to share information about migrating tundra swans, other waterbirds, and eagles.

These overlooks are two of the best locations along the Upper Mississippi River to observe tundra swans, diving and puddle ducks, bald eagles, and other birds.

Refuge staff and volunteers will be available every Saturday and Sunday from October 25 through November 23, 2014. Daily times are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brownsville Overlook is located three miles south of Brownsville, Minn. along Highway 26. Shady Maple Overlook is located along Highway 35 about one mile south of the entrance road to Goose Island County Park.

For more information, contact the Refuge Visitor Center at 608/779-2399 or stop and visit. The Visitor Center is located at N5727 County Road Z on Brice Prairie. Visitor Center hours until November 23 are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call for winter hours.

Additional information may be found on the Refuge webpage at:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/upper_mississippi_river/

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The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.

In addition to being the most visited refuge in the country, the “Upper Miss” Refuge has the added complexity of a major navigation system, including 11 locks and dams, within its boundary. It is also a world-class fish and wildlife area which harbors 306 species of birds; 119 species of fish; more than 300 active bald eagle nests; thousands of heron and egret nests; spectacular concentrations of canvasback ducks, tundra swans, and white pelicans; and several threatened or endangered species.